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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI588448424**

Thank you for your request for information relating to datasets related to planning and development.

You have requested the following information:

**I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My inquiry pertains to essential datasets related to planning and development, which I believe are held by your office. Specifically, I am interested in obtaining the following in shapefile (.shp) format:**

- 1. Settlement Boundaries: Defined perimeters that delineate areas where new development is generally permissible, contingent upon compliance with additional policies outlined in the Plan concerning the Council's developmental guidelines and restrictions.**
- 2. Article 4 Directions: Specific legal tools used by local planning authorities to restrict permitted development rights in an area, primarily to protect the character of conservation areas or other significant architectural or historical significance.**
- 3. Conservation Areas: Designated zones notable for their special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.**

For Questions 1 to 3, following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/planning-2/online-planning-map>

All the information is accessible via the planning map. This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

**4. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA): A comprehensive evaluation conducted to identify suitable land for housing development, aiming to ensure a sufficient supply to meet anticipated housing needs over a specific period.**

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<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/7618/housing-and-economic-land-availability-assessment-2023>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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